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By the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and singular Archbishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, Deanes, and their Officials, Parsons, Vicars, Curats, and to all spirituall persons. And also to all Iustices of Peace, Mayors, Sheriffes,

Bayliffes, Constables, Churchwardens and Headboroughes: And to all Officers of Citties, Boroughes, and Townes corporate: And to all other our Officers, Ministers, and Subiects whatsoeuer they be, as well within Liberties, as without, to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

WE HEREBY are credibly given to understand, as well by the humble supplication and petition of our poore distressed Subiect Anne Challons, the distressed Widow of Captaine Henry Challons late of Stonehouse in the County of Deuon, as also by a Certificate vnder the handes of our trusty and welbeloued Subiects Sir Charles Cornwallis Knight, one of our Iustices of Peace within our County of Norfolk, Sir Allen Apsey Knight, Lieutenant of our Tower of London, Sir Ferdinando Gorge Knight, Courtenour of our Fort

at Plymouth, and one of our Iustices of Peace within our County of Deuon, Captaine John Barley of Cauerton in our County of Buckingham, and Captaine John Smith of our Cittie of London, That our foresaid Subiect Captaine Henry Challons, was in his life time a Gentleman of worth and reputation and very seruiceable for his Prince and Country, who was one of the first sent out by vertue of our gracious Letters Patents for to settle a Plantation in the South partes of America, in whose passage thither in a Ship called the Harry of Stonehouse, whereof he was owner, and wherein all our foresaid Iustices and loving Subiects were aduenturers for that voyage, it so fortuned that the said Ship was by the Spanish flote comming out of the West Indies taken, who not onely confiscated both Ship and goods but also detained him and his Company prisoners. at which time our foresaid trusty and welbeloued Subiects Sir Charles Cornwallis was then our Ambassadoe in Spaine, by reason of which vntimely accident together also with other losses sustained in Ireland, our said poore Subiect lost to the value of Thre Thousand poundes and bywards to his bitter rups and overthorow, who grew so greatly oppressed both outwardly in body and inwardly in minde as despairing of reliefe, he dyed in Prison, leaving behinde him a distressed Wife and many poore Childzen without any meanes to sustaine them, whose wooll and unhappy estate we much pittie and haue thought good according to our accustomed clemency towards the distressed, to commend the same vnto the charitable consideration of all our loving and weldisposed Subiects within certayne Counties hereafter mentioned, not doubting but that all good Christians well weighing the premises, will be ready and willing as forling members one of anothers miseries, to extend their liberall contributions towards the reliefe and comfort of a poore vnfortunate Widow and her foure fatherles Childzen.

WE THEREFORE, That of our especiall Grace and Princely Compassion, We haue given and granted, and by these our Letters Patents, doe give and graunt vnto our said poore Subiect Anne Challons, and to her Deputy and Deputies, the bearer or bearers hereof, full power, licence, and Authority to aske, gather, receiue, and take the Almes and charitable beneuolence of all our loving Subiects whatsoeuer, Inhabiting within our Counties of Middlesex, Essex, Kent, Surrey, Suffex, Suffolke, and Northampton, with our Cittie of Westminster and the Liberties thereof, and in our Citties of Canterbury, Rochester, and the Cinque Portes, with our Citties of Chichester, and Peterborough, with our Borough of Southwarke, And in all other Citties, Townes Corporate, Priuiledged places, Parishes, Villages, and in all other places whatsoeuer within our said Counties and not else where, for and towards the reliefe and maintenance of our said poore Subiect and her fatherles childzen.

WE HEREBY will and Commaund you and euery of you, that at such time and times, as the said Anne Challons, or her Deputy or Deputies, the bearer or bearers hereof, shall come and repaire to any your Churches, Chappels, or other places, to aske and receiue the gratuities and charitable beneuolence of our said Subiects, quietly to permit and suffer them so to doe, without any manner your lets or contradictions, And you the said Parsons, Vicars, and Curats, for the better stirring bp of a charitable deuotion, deliberately to publish and declare the Tenor of these our Letters Patents, or the Coppy or Brieve thereof, vnto our said Subiects vpon some Sabbath day, when as the same shall be tendered vnto you. Exhorting and perswading them to extend their liberall contributions in so good and charitable a deed. And you the Churchwardens of euery Parish, where such Collection is to be made (as aforesaid) to collect and gather the Almes and charitable beneuolence of all our loving Subiects, as well Strangers as others, and what shall be by you so gathered to deliuer it to the bearer or bearers of these our Letters Patents and to no other person, when as thereunto you shall be required. And lastly, whereas we are informed of the great abuse which is now crept in amongst these poore people, who sell their Licences vnto some other person, whereby mens charity goeth not the right way, but vnto such as deserue it least: That from henceforth our will and pleasure is, that if it may appeare vnto you or any of you, that the said Anne Challons, hath contracted any bargaine, or made or shall make sale of these our Letters Patents, whereby the benefit should passe from her to any other person, That thereupon these our Letters Patents shall be void and of none effect. Any Statute, Law, Ordinance, or Provision, heretofore made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

IN WITNESSE whereof, We haue caused these our Letters to be made Patents for the space of One whole yeare next after the date hereof to endure. Witness our selfe at Westminster, the fiftenth day of January, in the Eighteenth yeare of our Raigne of England, France, and Ireland: And of Scotland the foure and fiftieth.

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Steward.

God saue the King

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Cum Priuilegio.